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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment to California's 2006/07 - 2008/09 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for your approval. This amendment modifies the following projects in the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the State:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	<p><b>Actions Required as a Result of Adoption of 2007 FSTIP</b></p> <p>Correspondence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) dated October 2, 2006, contained specific conditions related to the approval of the 2007 FSTIP. The following actions address conditions under Item 4 in the correspondence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delete \$4,584,000 of State cash for right-of-way funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/08, and \$9,975,000 of State cash for construction funding in FY 2008/09 for the Nevada County Dorsey Drive Interchange project, California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) ID Number 130-0000-0541. The air quality conformity determination has not been finalized, but is expected shortly. An amendment will be submitted to add this funding back in when the air quality conformity determination is finalized.</li><li>• Delete \$3,800,000 of State cash for right-of-way funding in FY 2008/09 for the Nevada County Grass Valley Wolf/Combie Road project, CTIPS ID Number 130-0000-0619. This project is in the process of being downsized. When that process is completed, the project will no longer be considered regionally significant.</li></ul>

- Delete \$190,000 of right-of-way funding (\$168,000 Highway Bridge Program funds, \$22,000 local transportation funds) in FY 2006/07 for the Tuolumne County Rawhide Road over Woods Creek project, CTIPS ID Number 230-0000-0091. Interagency Consultation (IC) has been requested. It is anticipated that IC will find that this is not a regionally significant project and, therefore, will not require a regional air quality conformity analysis.
- Delete \$4,674,000 of right-of-way funding (State cash) in FY 2006/07 for the Tuolumne County East Sonora Bypass Stage II project, CTIPS ID Number 130-0000-0913. This project requires a regional air quality conformity determination. Until that determination is completed, additional funding will not be programmed.
- Item 4 of the October 2, 2006, correspondence also includes actions for three Inyo County projects: CTIPS ID Number's 130-0000-0268, 130-0000-0269, and 130-0000-0270. Right-of-Way and construction funding for these projects was not approved because they lacked an air quality conformity determination. Each of these projects has an approved National Environmental Protection Act finding of no significant impact approved by FHWA. The California Department of Transportation (Department) will continue to work with FHWA to obtain the necessary documentation for the required air quality conformity determination for these three projects.

#### **State, Local, and Transit Elements**

The following projects are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed Per 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 771 (for grouped projects in areas of the State that are classed as attainment for air quality standards), or 40 CFR Part 93 (Tables 2 and 3) for individual projects. No further conformity determination is required.

- Modifies the State Highway and Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) lump-sum Collision Reduction Air Quality Exempt Grouped Projects by programming an additional \$3,999,000 in SHOPP Advanced Construction and \$518,000 of State cash for Lassen County shoulder widening project in FY 2006/07; \$379,800 of SHOPP Advanced Construction and \$49,000 of State cash for a Mariposa County left/right turn channelization project in FY 2006/07; \$354,120 of SHOPP Advanced Construction and \$46,000 of State cash for a new shoulder widening project in Tehama County in FY 2006/07.
- Modifies the SHOPP lump-sum Bridge Preservation Grouped Projects by deprogramming a total of \$1,527,000 (\$1,351,853 in SHOPP Advanced Construction and \$175,147 in State cash) in FY 2006/07 for the Ten Mile River bridge replacement project in Mendocino County.

- Modifies funding for the Hazard Elimination and Safety (HES) Program by programming an additional \$1,750,100 of HES funds in FY 2006/07 as follows: \$441,000 for a Plumas County project to install new and upgrade metal beam guard rail; \$668,700 for a Tehama County project to install a left turn lane; \$320,000 for a Trinity County project to install metal beam guard rail, and \$320,400 for a Lake County project to realign the roadway to straighten two severe curves.
- Modifies funding for the Sierra Valley Visitor Center by programming an additional \$172,000 in Transportation Enhancements (TE) and \$22,000 in State cash in FY 2006/07.
- Modifies funding for the Downieville Mountain Bike and Hiker Trail by programming an additional \$15,000 in U.S. Forest Service funds and \$123,000 of federal TE funds in FY 2006/07, and moving \$50,000 of federal TE funds from FY 2005/06 to FY 2006/07.
- Modifies funding for a City of Kelseyville walkway and street lighting project by decreasing TE funding in prior year by \$8,000 and increasing TE funding for Preliminary Engineering in FY 2006/07 by \$8,000.
- Modifies funding for the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Grouped Project listing by adding \$3,004,000 in federal HBP funds and \$389,000 of State cash for the Lake County Merritt Road Kelsey Creek Bridge project in FY 2008/09.
- Modifies funding for the Ukiah and Talmage Bike and Pedestrian facility by moving \$59,000 of TE funds and \$7,000 of State cash from FY 2005/06 to FY 2006/07.
- Modifies funding for the Lake County South Main Street Rehabilitation project by moving \$45,000 of State cash from FY 2005/06 to FY 2006/07.
- Modifies funding for the Lake County Soda Bay Road rehabilitation project by moving \$53,000 of State cash from FY 2005/06 to FY 2006/07.
- Modifies funding for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5309 Grant Program by programming a grant for a Mammoth Lakes Regional Transit Maintenance Facility in FY 2006/07. The grant totals \$95,179 and is matched with \$23,795 of local transportation funds.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the 2007 FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by the Department through CTIPS. An updated financial summary table is provided for this amendment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
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